

National Archives of India: The design was approved and Government's sanction was also issued in October 1977. But the construction has not yet started. Certain difficulties encountered have now been overcome, and the work is expected to start soon.

Resolution III: The Commission is greatly perturbed over the reported large scale destruction of old public records in several States, notwithstanding the repeated recommendations of the Commission (Vide Resolution No. II of 1925, Resolution No. VII of 1942, Resolution No. V of 1943, Resolution VI of 1951) and resolves that a Sub-Committee consisting of five Members of the Commission be constituted to investigate and report to the Standing Committee, within six months, on the following:

- (a) The extent to which the above resolutions are being implemented;
- (b) The period and the nature of records destroyed during the last two years;
- (c) The qualifications and suitability of the staff engaged on appraisal of old records; and
- (d) The steps which can be taken immediately to ensure the preservation of records of permanent value.

2. The Commission also recommends to the State Governments that no pre-1947 records be destroyed till the said Committee has submitted its report.

National Archives of India: Comments of the Indian Historical Records Commission and views of Director of Archives on the recommendations made by the Record Management Committee were forwarded to the Government of India in the Department of Culture. The decision of the Government is awaited.